



Each year, hundreds of CDCR employees and inmates organize and participate with fund-raisers to help out those that are less fortunate in their communities. Heeding the call to service in these tough economic times, our employees worked together to make a difference for those needing it the most.

A few holiday-related events have been going on for several years, while others were started this year. Some events are deep-rooted in the community with both public and private sponsors, like the Folsom State Prison Bike Giveaway (December 9) which has brought joy to children for more than 20 years.

Activities include crafts and items created or restored by inmates, parolees and juvenile offenders. By the end of the holiday season, thousands of children and families will have benefitted from 44 activities held statewide from October through December.

Thank you.

Giving Back to the Community: CDCR Holiday Events 2008

December Events

DAI Holiday Events for December

Institution: **California Correctional Center**

Date: Dec. 5-6, 2008

Event description: Annual Victim of Crimes Hobby craft sale. Inmates from Conservation Camps have made Hobby craft items all year. The gift items range from tables to clocks and are sold during a Christmas craft fair.

Date: Week of Dec. 15th, 2008

Event description: Angle Tree, 78 residents of a local nursing home submit a Christmas “wish list” and staff shop and provide the residents with the needed items.

Institution: **Central California Women’s Facility**

Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Event description: The CCWF annual “Coats for Kids” drive at the institution. New and used coats are donated by CCWF employees through December 12, 2008. All donated coats will be delivered to the Chowchilla Ministries Association for disadvantaged families/children in time for Christmas.

Date: Dec. 12, 2008

Event description: The CCWF annual “Toys for Kids” drive at the institution. Toys and gifts are donated by CCWF employees through December 12, 2008. All donated toys and gifts will be delivered to the Chowchilla Ministries Association for disadvantaged families and children in time for Christmas.

Date: Dec. 15, 2008

Event description: Annual “Handmade Wooden Toys” for Children Event. Wooden toys are made by inmates assigned to the Vocational Cabinet Making class. The wooden toys are created all year long by the inmates, using scraps of wood leftover from other projects. The toys made by the inmates allow them to give back to the community, while at the same time obtain practice and experience using the tools required for more advanced projects. All donated wood toys will be delivered to the Chowchilla Ministries Association for disadvantaged families/children in time for Christmas.

Institution: **Corcoran State Prison**

Date: Dec. 17th, 2008

Event description: Children’s Christmas Gifts. Staff will select names of children whose names have been selected by various schools in the community and purchased a gift for that child.

Institution: **CSATF**

Date: Dec. 6, 2008

Event description: Staff Holiday Party combined with CSP-Corcoran. CSATF/SP staff will donate Theme Baskets that will be sold at a Silent Auction with proceeds to benefit local charities and employee activities throughout the coming year.

Institution: Folsom State Prison

Date: Dec. 9, 2008

Event description: ***Bicycle Refurbishing Program.*** On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., more than 130 refurbished children's bicycles will be delivered to charitable organizations for distribution to children in need this holiday season. The bicycles were refurbished through an inmate program at Folsom State Prison. For nearly 21 years, the Folsom Bicycle Refurbishing Program has used inmate labor to take thousands of donated bicycles in need of repair and restored them to nearly new condition. Volunteers from the El Dorado County Office of Education will assist with loading the bicycles onto trucks for delivery to the El Dorado County Fair Grounds where they will be distributed to the charities. Sponsors of this event include the El Dorado County Office of Education, El Dorado Community Foundation, Golden Spoke Bike Shop in Placerville, Jerry's Paint and Supply, Walker's Business Products in Placerville, and Citizens Advisory Committee Member, Joe Ryan. The charities that will be distributing the bicycles include Choices for Children, Family Connection, and the Child Development Program, El Dorado County Office of Education.

Institution: Ironwood State Prison

Date: Dec. 17, 2008

Event description: Gifts for Kids – Families in need in the Blythe community are able to shop for gifts for their children that are donated by both CVSP and ISP staff. Some of the gifts (i.e. bicycles and wooden toys) are refurbished and/or made by inmates.

Date: N/A

Event description: Christmas at Blythe Nursing Care Center – Staff donates gifts for the residents of the center.

Institution: Ironwood State Prison & Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

Date: Dec. 5 and 6, 2008

Event description: Breakfast with Santa. More than 400 children in the Blythe Community will have the opportunity to have a meal with Santa and receive donated gifts.

Institution: Leo Chesney Community Correctional Facility

Date: Dec. 2, 2008

Event Description: Children's Christmas Party. This event was sponsored in conjunction with the City of Live Oak, and was held at the local community center. The female inmates of the Leo Chesney Community Correctional Facility helped create decorations and set up prior to the event and inmates then helped to clean up following the event. Approximately 350-400 children and parents participated. Entertainment included hobby tables, games, and a puppet show. Food provided included hot dogs, potato salad, cookies and drinks. It was a lot of fun for everyone, and the biggest turnout yet.

DAPO Holiday Events for December

Region I Parole Field Operations, Sacramento Metro Unit

Date: Dec. 12, 2008, 6 to 8 pm at the Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center, 5451 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento, California 95824.

Event description: **“Nadine’s Kids Holiday Affair”** The event is focused to provide for an evening of food, crafts, and entertainment in support of our Sacramento Metro Unit client population and their families. While handled informally in years past, on December 14, 2007, the holiday affair held its first Annual “Nadine’s Kids” Holiday Affair.” The event attracted over 70 children, providing them with a holiday meal, winter coats, and gifts donated in part from the Sacramento Sheriff’s Toys Project. This year’s committee, CDCR staff, and service providers are preparing for attendance of at least 125 people. The event will be hosted by Ms. Sharon Jackson, retired parole administrator, CDCR.

Stockton Parole Unit #1

Date: Dec. 18, 2008

Event description: Agents from the Stockton #1 Parole Unit have contributed to the Stockton Children’s Home on an annual basis. The amount has been in excess of \$300 per year. This donation has been utilized to assist with Christmas gifts for the children.

Region III Eastern District

Date: Dec. 1 to Christmas

Event description: The district will distribute canned goods to the local food bank.

San Gabriel Valley District

Date: Dec. 22, 2008

Event description: Toy Drive for the Walden House (El Monte) and Prototype Drug Treatment Programs (Claremont/Pomona).

Conservation Camp Holiday Events for December

Institution: California Correctional Center Mill & Cabinet Vocational Programs and Fire Camps

Date: Dec. 5-6, 2008

Event description: 19TH Annual Victim’s of Crime Hobby Craft Sales and Auction. Great holiday buys, including hand-crafted wooden gifts. All proceeds benefit victims of crime in Lassen County.

Institution: Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp

Date: Dec. 13-18, 2008

Event description: Youth Choir Performances. Youth will perform at the following locations and times:

Saturday, Dec.13, 2008 Sacramento, Historic Governor’s Mansion - 10:00 AM; Sunday, December 14, 2008 Pine Grove, Gold Mine Plaza - 1:00 PM; Sunday, December 14, 2008 Volcano Street Caroling - 5:30 PM; Thursday, December 18, 2008 Aerojet - 10:45 AM; CDCR Headquarters - 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM; Monday, December 22, 2008 NCYC Complex.

Southern Region Juvenile Parole Operations Holiday Events for December

LA Metro/Watts Parole

Date: Dec. 8, 2008.: Car Wash Fundraiser. Event raises funds for Dec. 19 Food Baskets Giveaway.

Date: Dec. 8, 2008: Phoenix House Christmas Party. Staff purchases Christmas gifts for the children that reside at Phoenix House. Staff also provides cake and punch and play games with the children.

Date: Dec. 19, 2008: 100 Food Baskets Giveaway. Baskets are prepared and distributed local community organizations: Watts senior citizens, and 92nd Street School.

San Diego Parole

Date: Dec. 8, 2008: San Diego Parole will organize a food drive to assist three community families in San Diego, South Riverside and Imperial Counties.

South Coast Parole

Date: Dec. 8, 2008: Adopt a Family. South Coast Parole & the Positively Impacting Youth Program will participate in this annual program coordinated through the Community Service Program (CSP) in Santa Ana. They provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Date: Dec. 8, 2008: The South Coast Parole Office will conduct a canned food and toy drive for parolee participation. The toys will be distributed to a local children's shelter and the food to area homeless shelters.

San Fernando Valley Parole

Date: Dec. 20, 2008: San Fernando Valley Community Christmas Celebration. This event provides a celebration, toys and food baskets for some of the valley's neediest families. We provide toys and food for approximately 250 families.

Inland Parole

Date: December: *Wheels In Motion* bicycle repair program will donate 50 bikes to children in San Bernardino. The program is coordinated through a partnership involving Inland Parole, AmeriCorps, the Dorothy House Group Home and agencies in the San Bernardino area.

DJJ Holiday Events for December

Institution: N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility

Date: Dec. 19, 2008: Staff Breakfast & Silent Auction. Administrative Staff cook breakfast for staff. A silent auction will take place at the breakfast. All proceeds will go to the Adopt-A-Family Project.

Date: Dec. 16, 2008: Judging of Halls for Christmas decorating. Twelve halls will decorate for the holiday season. Each hall will compete in the contest.

CDCR Headquarters Holiday Events for December

Office of the Secretary

Dec. 18, 2008 Office Open House and Food Drive. Food donations will be delivered to River City Community Services: <http://www.rivercitycommunityservices.org/>

Office of Personnel Services

Date: Nov. through Dec. 11, 2008: Toy Drive and Raffle. For every unused, unwrapped toy employees donate, they will be entered in a contest to win a fabulous prize! All toys are being donated to WEAVE and Women/Children Shelter.

Facilities Planning, Construction & Management

Date: Dec. 15, 2008: The Cordova Community Food Locker (CCFL). The CCFL serves more than 6,500 people each month, from all walks of life. No one is denied food. The holidays are especially difficult for people in need. Facilities, Planning, Construction and Management Division will be supply baby items and children's toys.

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October Events

DAPO Holiday Events for October

Division of Adult Parole, Region II, Redding

Date: October 29, 2008

Event description: Shasta County Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up Fundraiser. This is an annual "mock arrest/bail" event, which is very popular in Shasta County.

Event organizers "arrested" Jon Weddle, the Redding Unit Supervisor, and he had to call and solicit donations from friends to pay his bail for release. He was the fifth in terms of funds raised, and brought in more than \$1,000 in donations.

November Events

DAI Holiday Events for November

Institution: California Correctional Center

Date: November 24th, 2008

Event description: November is the time of year when CCC teams up with Safeway to assist Crossroads Ministries in providing Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need within our community. 200 food baskets were filled with a complete Thanksgiving dinner, and delivered that day.

Date: Nov. through December

Event description: Toys for Tots. This project works in conjunction with Lassen Search and Rescue. Bicycles are purchased and given to needy children.

Institution: California State Prison, Corcoran

Date: November & December

Event description: Canned Food Drive. Event supports the local Salvation Army in preparing food boxes for families in need. CSP-Corcoran will also participate in preparing the boxes and distributing them to the families.

Institution: CSATF

Date: November 5th, 2008

Event description: Battle of the Badges Blood Drive: 167 staff members gave blood to benefit the San Joaquin Valley area through Central California Blood Services.

Date: November 12-14, 2008

Event description: Canned Food and Coat Drive to benefit the Salvation Army.

Date: November 15 through December 18. CSATF will conduct a toy drive with a goal of 500 gifts to benefit needy children in the City of Corcoran and surrounding areas. The gifts will be wrapped and distributed on December 18, by CSATF staff members. Toy drive is conducted with local law enforcement, County and non-profit agencies such as Police and Fire Departments, Healthy Start, K-12 schools, YMCA, Public Health and the Drug Task Force.

DAPO Holiday Events for November

Region III Headquarters

Date: Nov. 21, 2008

Event description: PAII Harold Dennis (Retired Annuitant), Dennis Wirt, San Gabriel Valley Parole Administrator along with retired staff from the CYA, Correctional Officers and Social Workers for Riverside County Children Services donate \$875.00 combined from their personal funds to buy 120 turkeys for a community of citizens in the City of Riverside for Thanksgiving.

DJJ Southern Region Juvenile Parole Operations Events for November/December

DJJ Inland Parole

Date: November/December

Event description: This bicycle repair program involves parolees engaged in community service to repair bicycles donated by law enforcement agencies, community organizations and individuals. As a result, more than 50 bicycles will be distributed to children throughout the Inland Empire during the upcoming holidays. ASPA Ozzel Parham and PAI Joe Macinka continue to provide leadership for AmeriCorps community service projects such as this.

DJJ South Coast Parole

Date: Nov. 24-26; December

Event description: The Positively Impacting Youth program will be providing clients with gift certificates prior to Thanksgiving to assist with holiday food purchases. They are also planning to purchase Christmas trees for clients in the month of December.

Headquarters Holiday Events for November

Human Resources, Office of Executive, Recruitment and Program Performance Management.

Date: Month of November, 2008

Event description: Staff in the **Office of Executive Recruitment and Appointments** will be collecting food, household items and gift cards for donation to the Sacramento Crisis Nursery prior to the Christmas holiday. The Sacramento Crisis Nursery offers a safe temporary shelter for children whose parents are in crisis. Children up to age six may

stay for up to 30 days while their parents receive counseling, referrals to community agencies and other free support services.

Date: Month of November, 2008

Event description: Staff in the **Office of Executive Recruitment and Program Performance Management (ERPPM)** will be donating Christmas gifts for teens this holiday season. A Brighter Childhood Foster Family Services has 20 teenage foster children that often get overlooked during the holidays. It is ERPPM's goal to spread a little holiday cheer to these kids and ensure that each one of them receives a gift this year.

Office: **Audits & Compliance**

Date: Ongoing during holidays

Event description: Fundraising for the "Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services" and the "Toys for Tots" campaign.

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